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1. SENSATIONALIST DAILY HURRIYET REPORTED SEPTEMBER 14 THAT
TURKEY WOULD BEGIN PETROLEUM PROSPECTING IN THE AEGEAN " IN THE
INTERNATIONAL AREA" AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR. DRILLING
WOULD BE DONE IN THE THREE AREAS FOUND TO BE MOST
PROMISING ACCORDING TO THE RESEARCH DONE LAST YEAR BY
THE TURKISH RESEARCH SHIP SISMIK-I(HORA); SAROS BAY,
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THE MIDILLI (LESVOS) ISLAND AREA, AND THE SAKIZ (CHIOS)
ISLAND AREA. THE DRILLING WOULD BE DONE, USING TURKISH
RESOURCES, FROM SPECIAL PLATFORMS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN
TURKEY; IF THESE WERE NOT ADEQUATE, A DRILLING-PLATFORM
WOULD BE RENTED FROM A EUROPEAN COUNTRY. THE SAME
MILITARY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN LAST YEAR TO PROTECT THE
SISMIK'S OPERATIONS WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO PROTECT THE

DRILLING PLATFORMS. ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE DESCRIBED ITS INFORMATION AS COMING "FROM GOVERNMENT CIRCLES", THE CLOSEST IT CAME TO DESCRIBING A SOURCE WAS IN QUOTING AN ANONYMOUS " PERSON CONCERNED" (ORGANIZATION NOT MENTIONED) AS SAYING, IN ADDITION TO MUCH OF THE ABOVE, THAT" USING ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS, TURKEY WILL BEGIN ITS PETROLEUM PROSPECTING IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA OF THE AEGEAN".

2. DUE TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND THE START OF A FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY, CONCERNED MFA OFFICIALS WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.
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